Government of the District of Columbia Office of the Chief Financial Officer



Natwar M. Gandhi Chief Financial Officer

MEMORANDUM

TO:

The Honorable Vincent C. Gray

Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM:

Natwar M. Gandhi.

Chief Financial Offic

DATE:

June 29, 2010

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Impact Statement – "National Popular Vote Interstate

Agreement Act of 2010"

REFERENCE:

Bill 18-769

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would commit the District of Columbia to the interstate compact "The Agreement among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote" that would require all 3 of the District of Columbia's electoral votes in a presidential election be awarded to the candidate that receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The proposed legislation does not have an impact on the District's budget and financial plan. To go into effect, the compact must be joined by enough states to represent at least 270 electoral votes - a controlling majority of the Electoral College. Currently, 61 electoral votes are committed to the compact.¹

¹ As of June 22, 2010, Hawaii (4 votes), New Jersey (15 votes), Illinois (21 votes), Maryland (10 votes), and Washington (11 votes) have enacted the compact into law.